

time of the application for the extension of franchise. Such petition shall be accompanied by the written consent of the applicant that the provisions of all laws relating to public utilities, franchises, and transmission lines, or to the regulation, supervision, or control thereof which are then in force or which may be thereafter enacted, shall apply to its existing line or lines, franchises, and rights with the same force and effect as if such franchise had been granted or such lines had been constructed or rights had been obtained under the provisions of this chapter.

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CHAPTER 64

DEFENDANTS MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF STANDING TRIAL

H.F. 232

AN ACT providing for court-ordered treatment of a criminal defendant judged mentally incapable of standing trial.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 812.4, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

812.4 CESSATION OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

If, upon hearing conducted by the court, the accused is found to be incapacitated in the manner described in section 812.3, no further proceedings shall be taken under the complaint or indictment until the accused's capacity is restored, and, if the accused's release will endanger the public peace or safety, the court must order the accused committed for treatment to the custody of the department of human services or to the custody of the department of corrections for placement at the Iowa medical and classification center.

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CHAPTER 65

COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS — EFFECTIVE DATE OF FILINGS AND MERGERS

H.F. 233

AN ACT relating to cooperative associations, by providing for the filing of documents and providing for the effective date of a merger or consolidation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 499.44, Code 1997, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. A document required to be filed with the secretary of state pursuant to this chapter is effective at the later of the following times:

a. The time of filing on the date it is filed, as evidenced by the secretary of state's date and time endorsement on the original document.